

DEPARTURE
IN MASONRY

Wash., June 20.—Members of Washington Masonic lodge are discussing the departure of Jeremiah Neterer in his dress as grand master at the grand lodge of Washington, D. C., that each attract the eye of a boy and direct him to the right. It is expected that the 175 lodges in the state, 500 members enrolled, will plan before the year is over that if such a movement is made by the Masons in this state, Judge Neterer said, "it would be the interest and great pleasure in the result and pleasure in the work in real character. There exists a necessity for wholesome and fraternal co-operation of boys. The course of and treatment of many boys and by the public should be worthy examples should be followed and wholesome sentiment. You can initiate a plan which properly direct and conserve the ambition of the boy. The highest authorities are agreed that in the world so shapes a soul and character as quiet talks of crown men about things they are amidst. In this way the aroused to think and do the best there is in him. He is a companion of some boy, his brother to him and have him out; go to his home after the day has closed and show him a part of the world and that one is interested in his welfare; his mind in a wholesome course, designs for his improvement be treasured of life, and thus his acts within the extended of the compass and yourself the throne of the eternal God."

TALE OF A CAT

York, June 20.—It is not a press story, nor is it any other kind advertisement. As a matter of thing makes the owner of the it figures in this story more in than to be interviewed by such as, vulgar beings as reporters, e thinks the public is just as

impossible for reading about him—and pussy. He said so today, as he was leaving for a tour of other American cities. What's his name? Never mind, he has had too much attention paid to him already. But he is of wealthy English lineage and when he reaches your town you will know it for in the evening he wears a white clawhammer coat and a Panama hat. He stops at the best hotels and at dinner is invariably accompanied by a black cat elaborately bedecked with a diamond and ruby collar. Any hotel that refuses accommodations to the cat will not have the pleasure—and profit—of entertaining its owner. Nor is the cat alone in his glory. His owner wears a jeweled bracelet on his left wrist, a monocle attached to a black silk ribbon, with a jeweled buckle. The young man is accompanied by two women, but they are just ordinary beings of apparent refinement and education. One seems to be his mother and the other his wife. They left New York for Chicago the other day. "There" said the young man, "I suppose they will stare at us as they have done in New York, but we are getting accustomed to American manners." His drawl betrays his English birth and training. The interesting trio will go from Chicago to San Francisco. Dog Luck. Police Officer in order that the victim was caught and kissed you in the dark may be tracked, we must see our police dog after him. So to trace the event you must give Nora a kiss. "Mendel Blatter. And That Came Near Being Right. "Johnny" correct this sentence on the board. He drank a number of toasts. "Johnny went to the board and wrote, 'A number of toasts drank him.' "Houson Post. Synonym. "Say," asked Coakley, looking up from the letter he was writing, "do you know any expression that means the same as 'talking shop'?" "Well," replied Joakley, "there is 'tonorial emporium' and likewise 'talk cutting parlor'."—Catholic Standard and Times. Explaining It. Mrs. Posey—Mercy Hiram! Them awful society women dress like they was goin' swimmin'. Mr. Posey—O course, Jerusha. Hain't you heard th' in th' soshul swim th' wimmen try to outstrip each other?—Milwaukee News

Used Another Man's Legs. In the hall of the house of representatives there is a painting of George Washington. He looks a most commanding person, with the stature of a giant and a faultless physique. But looking at the portrait recently a public man commented: "That is a good deal of a sham. George Washington never looked like that, though I've no doubt he would have been proud to appear so magnificent. "Notice the legs," the speaker continued. "They are perfect beauties, but they are not Washington's. They are the legs of General Smith of New Jersey, a soldier of the Revolution. "It happened this way," he explained in conclusion: "Washington had quite unimpressive legs, and the artist who painted that picture was so dissatisfied with their shape that he persuaded General Smith to lend his faultless members as models. So, while we have the face and torso of our great first president, the supporting legs are those of one of his generals. Long may they stand!"—Washington Post. Not the Answer He Expected. One of Lord Desborough's best anecdotes relates to a clergyman who was far more at home in the hunting field than in the pulpit, says London Tit-Bits. On the morning of a meet he was much annoyed at having to officiate at a funeral; but, this over, he mounted his horse and started in pursuit of his friends. On the road he sought information of an old woman with a donkey cart. "Well," she said, "if you ride to the top of the hill you will come to a 'meonster'." Then if you turn to the right you will be likely to come up with them." Handling her a shilling, he said, "My good woman, why did you call the sign post a minister?" "Why, you see, sir, it's like this: We used to call 'em sign posts, but since you've been in these parts we calls 'em meonsters, 'cos, though they points other folks the way, they never goes themselves. Go on, Neddy!" Where Every One Is a "Majesty." Who are the politest people in Europe? If common speech is any criterion, surely the Spaniards must carry off the palm. The author of "Horrid Spain" tells of many high flown phrases still in common use. You bid farewell with "Beso a V. in mano" (I kiss your hand) or "A los pies de V." (I am at your feet). The Eisted, short ened to V., with which you address high of low, is a corruption of "your majesty." The love of abbreviations is a curious trait in a people with such seemingly ways: thus a row of elaborate letters ends a letter: S. S. Q. B. S. M. which means that your correspondent kisses your hand—"En seguro servitor que besa su mano."

Death in Factory Fires. The question is often debated as to whether persons who lose their lives in a fire developing with great rapidity undergo extreme physical suffering. An authoritative opinion is expressed by the New York Medical Journal, which says: "Unnecessary anguish of mind has probably been felt by relatives of unfortunate workers killed in factory fires by reflection on the supposedly agonizing pain caused by such a death. Where a great bulk of highly inflammable substances is quickly consumed in a closed space the result is the production of large quantities of carbon monoxide. This gas, it is well known, combines with the haemoglobin of the blood to form a compound that refuses to combine with oxygen. The result is a speedy and probably painless asphyxiation before the flames have had a chance to attack the bodies of the victims." Dainty Snails. The writer who qualified the snail as "foul and unclean" was guilty of a libel. Snails are most dainty feeders and strict vegetarians, as many gardeners know to their cost. Apparently three centuries ago snails were more popular in England than they are now. The fastidious author of "The Faerie Queene" gives a recipe for their preparation: With our sharp weapons we shal thee fray And take the castill that thou lvest in; We shal thee flay out of thy fousle skin. And in a dish, with onyons and peper, We shal thee dresse with strong vyne-gars. —London Standard. How Gold Leaf Kills. The Chinese consul at San Francisco discussed at a dinner his country's customs. "There is one custom," said a young girl, "that I can't understand, and that is the Chinese custom of committing suicide by eating gold leaf. I can't understand how gold can kill." "The partaker, no doubt," smiled the consul, "succumbs from a consciousness of inward guilt."—Los Angeles Times. Manuscript Letters Rare. Manuscripts and nolograph letters from living literary celebrities should be hoarded with great care by their recipients. The prospect is that they will grow increasingly rare. Autograph signatures are probably all that the next generation will be able to bid for in the auction rooms and add to its collections.—New York Tribune. Disinterested Advice. "I have told my constituents that I regarded myself as a servant of the people," said Senator Sorghum. "Yes," replied Farmer Cornstossel, "but you want to keep people from gettin' an idea that you're one of these servants who are always on the lookout for tips."—Washington Star.

Making Insurance Maps. In making insurance maps certain features are considered essential, and the growth of the system has proved their wisdom and changed them only as regards the amount of detail that has been incorporated. Of first importance were the colors to show the different materials used in the construction of a building. Naturally red seemed a proper color to signify brick and yellow to signify wood. These colors have always been employed for these materials. Other colors have been added from time to time, thus blue for stone, gray for iron, etc. In fixing signs and characters for such details as stairways, fire escapes, dumb waiter shafts, etc., a principal object was to make them plain and distinct. They must be easily understood by an underwriter without reference to my key or marginal footnotes. This subject has been carried out, with the result that when these insurance maps are examined by an insurance man today each sign or character has such an individuality of its own that it can be easily distinguished and is not confused with another.—Cassier's Magazine. The Word "Fudge." "Fudge" is a word with a history. There are prosaic etymologists, as there always are, who derive it from a Gaelic word meaning deception, but Isaac Disraeli's view is much more interesting. He derives it from a certain Captain Fudge, who seems to have been a marine Munchausen. "You fudge it" is said to have been his crew's equivalent to the modern "Rats." In a collection of some papers of William Crouch, the Quaker, published in 1712 it is recorded that one Degory Marshall informed Crouch that "in the year 1664 we were sentenced for banishment to Jamaica by Judges Hyde and Twisden, and our number was fifty-five. We were put on board the ship Black Eagle. The master's name was Fudge, by some called Lying Fudge."—London Standard. The Leipzig Book Fair. Leipzig is the largest publication center in the world. More books and periodicals are printed there than anywhere else, and more people are engaged in making and using printers' supplies than in London, New York, Berlin or Paris. Many of the orders for these publications come from England, France, Austria and other countries because the mechanical work can be done in Leipzig much cheaper than elsewhere. More than half of the transactions in books take place at the Leipzig book fair, which occurs every year at the jubilate, the first week in Easter, when booksellers and publishers from all parts of Germany assemble to compare and balance accounts and to make contracts for the next year.

A Bawbee From Carlyle. I used to see Carlyle when I lived as a child in Chelsea. I regarded him with extraordinary aversion and fear. One day I was sent to post a letter. I suppose I was older, though unconscious, as always, of anything ahead. I cannoned into Carlyle. The impact laid me flat on the pavement, where I yelled for some minutes, though soothed eventually by England's great thinker. And then—this is the point of the story—Carlyle dived into his pockets, produced a halfpenny and said kindly, "Here is a bawbee for Bobby." I have the halfpenny to this day. When Mr. Carlyle died I was put into deep mourning. He was the first and perhaps the most interesting of all my street acquaintances.—Robert Ross in London Bystander. Self Reliance. The spirit of self help is the root of all genuine growth in the individual, and, exhibited in the lives of many, it constitutes the true source of national vigor and strength. Help from without is often enfeebling in its effects, but help from within invariably invigorates. Whatever is done for men or classes to a certain extent takes away the stimulus and necessity of doing for themselves, and where men are subjected to overguidance and overgovernment the inevitable tendency is to render them comparatively helpless.—Samuel Smiles. A Field at Home. A Boston gentleman was showing a West African who is interested in missionary work a number of photographs. "What is this?" asked the visitor, gazing in wonder at one of them. "Oh, that's a snapshot taken during a football scrimmage at the stadium." "But has your church no missionaries to send among these people?" was the quick rejoinder. —Boston Transcript. Cruikshank's Long Artistic Life. In 1803 Cruikshank was asked by the committee who exhibited his "Worship of Bacchus" to associate with that work some of his early drawings in order to prove that he was not his own grandfather!—Chesson's "Cruikshank." His Mistake. "What cured him of flirting?" "He started a flirtation with a lady who turned out to be selling an encyclopedia at \$200 a set."—Louisville Courier-Journal. It Would Answer. Rose—I painted this picture to keep the wolf from the door. Fleming—if the wolf is anything of an art critic it will do it.—Smart Set. Happiness does not consist in things so much as in thoughts.

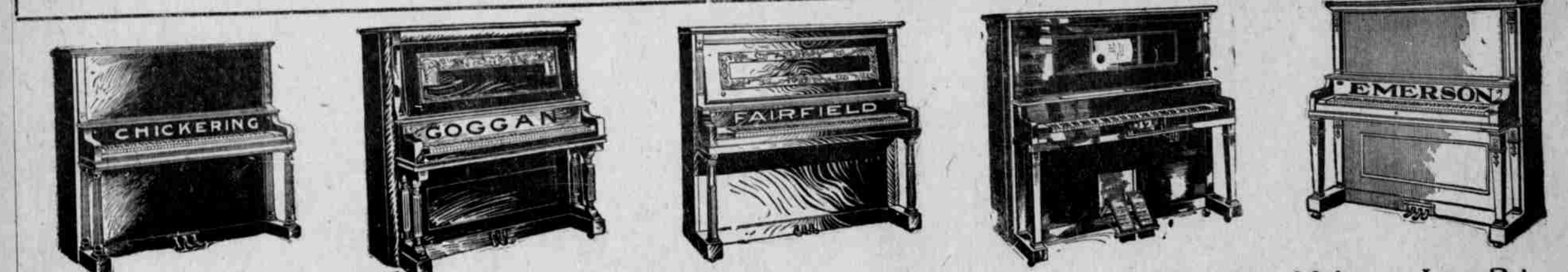
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